REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-11, and 13 have been amended and are now believed to be in allowable condition. Hence, favorable reconsideration and allowance of these claims, that is, the amended claims and their respective dependent claims, are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By the amendments set forth above, Applicant has clarified the claim wording at the locations noted by the Examiner and now submits that he has cured the identified ambiguities.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, which was set forth in the Office Action. Consequently, with the foregoing amendments, Applicant now submit that the claims, as amended, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the grounds of rejection have been addressed through this response and that none of the references previously cited in the prior Office Action

disclose the invention set forth in the claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Should there be any further questions regarding the claims or the application,

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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